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LETTER FROM TEXAS.

B—, TEXAS.
 DD, PRESS: A friend sent me two or three copies of your paper. I can not let you know with what eagerness I read every word of them, unless you, too, had been away from your native home for years.
 Reading your paper was like talking to an old friend, just from the old home, that could tell me all about friends, relatives and acquaintances.
 Long years ago—or it seems a long time to me—I read the PRESS every week, and used to write bits of news items for it sometimes. Many names I see in its columns are so familiar, and bring to mind memories, sweet and tender, of the past.
 What interests me most is the news from the schools all over the county. I am glad to see so much interest manifested in the schools. I have been teaching about eighteen years and I love my chosen work.
 Dear teachers, you who love your work and are striving to do what good you can, who have at heart the interests of both pupils and patrons, let me give you my hand and wish you Godspeed. I know your trials, I know how to sympathize with you, but I can rejoice with you too, for yours is a glorious work—a work of which to be proud.
 The teacher is called; the true teacher feels that he must teach, that there is a work for him that can be accomplished nowhere but in the school room. While I love the country schools, public schools for it was there I first began my work, I like high school and college work much better, for one can do so much better work when not so much crowded.
 A few words to those who are teaching just to get means to engage in something else—stay out of the school room, you have no business there. If you do not like your work, stay out of the school room, you are an imposition on the people.
 Now a few words to the young people just leaving school, yes and to old or once too.
 Shakespeare has said: "All the world's a stage and men and women are but players." What that part shall be in the drama is life is the question which should have the earnest consideration of every man and woman. Every life exerts a certain amount of influence. Individuality will assert itself. Great social reforms have originated in individual souls. The actions of humanity have proceeded from the centers of individual hearts. No great host delivered the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, but one man—Moses. No school of divines gave to England the Bible in the mother tongue; one man—Wycliffe. No learned society discovered our loved America; one man—Columbus. No great host of generals led the French forces on to victory at Orleans; one woman—Joan of Arc.
 What possibilities lie before us! We may never be able to leave to the world such achievements as these, but that which we do leave may be and should be for good. Every word and deed will act and react through all time to come.
 We live for what we love. The worldling who makes pleasure the good of his activity says life is enjoyment; the man of ambition, who spends days and nights of sleepless toil in climbing the dizzy heights of honor, says life is fame; the tradesman, fighting for wealth in the crowded arena of commercial competition, says life is money; the consecrated Christian, who lives in and for God, says life is righteousness.
 From the divine existing within us we are obligated to love justice, virtue and morality; to conquer self and allow no passion to become our master; to keep in mind the words of Carlyle: "Remember now and always that life is no idle dream, but a solemn reality, based upon and encompassed by eternity. Find out your task, stand to it. 'The night cometh when no man can work.'" The present alone is ours to do with as we will. With the "sped arrow" and the "open word" past opportunities come not back. We have no time to compromise with sin and wickedness. We need education, not only of the intellect, but of the sensibilities and the will—the education which stores up energy and strengthens virtue.
 If my communication does not fall into the waste basket sometime, perhaps, I will write about our Texas schools, people, customs, etc.
 Señora Juníata.

WHERE CONGRESS MEETS.

Outline of the History of the Capitol Building in Washington.

There is no building in the United States so well known as the majestic Capitol at Washington. There is not a school boy from one end of the land to the other but instantly recognizes its picture and every year it is visited by tens of thousands of tourists. Four years ago the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the building was celebrated. It may be interesting to note a few important events in the history of the building we all love so well.

Its erection was begun in 1793 upon the plans approved by President Washington. The cornerstone was laid on September 18th of that year with great masonic ceremony. To the stone was fastened a silver plate stating that the building was begun in the 13th year of American independence and in the year of Masonry 5793. History says that after the ceremonies were over the participants retired to a neighboring booth and had a barbecue.

The north wing was completed in 1800 and the South wing in 1811. These were connected by a wooden shed where is the present rotunda. The original wings were made from sandstone quarried in Aquia Creek forty miles below the city and from brick burned in kilns on the Capitol grounds.

On August 24th 1814 the British entered the city and set fire to the Capitol, the central wooden part being totally destroyed but the wings of masonry receiving little damage.

Under the architects Latrobe and Bulfinch a low central dome was erected and in 1827 the building was completed as it existed until the middle of the century.

It then covered 112 acres, was 352 feet long and had cost about \$2,600,000. What is now Statuary Hall was then the House of Representatives and the present Supreme Court chamber was then used by the Senate.

On July 4th, 1951, was begun the erection of the enormous east wings for the House and Senate. When the cornerstone was laid the oration was delivered by Daniel Webster. The new wings were made of marble from Massachusetts and a high iron dome was substituted for the low one of wood and masonry.

The dome alone required nine years for erection and cost a million and a quarter dollars.

The building was completed practically as it exists today in 1857 and it has cost about \$15,000,000. It covers 31 acres of ground and is located in a park containing 46 acres. Its total length is 751 feet and width 314 feet.

The bronze doors of the rotunda cost \$30,000 and those of the Senate wing cost \$57,000.

On the great front portico every President elected since Andrew Jackson has solemnly taken his oath of office.

Within the walls of the Capitol the two branches of Congress and the Supreme Court hold their meetings and until last summer the Congressional Library has had its home.

It is the Mecca of the nation and memories of its magnificence will linger in the minds of the crowds of visitors who daily throng it as among the pleasantest of their stay in Washington.

STOLEN FIRE ALARM KEY.

A Supposed Plot to Burn the Clark Stemmy.

Paducah Register:

A discovery has been made which is believed to have been the beginning of a deep laid plot to burn the big Clark tobacco stemmy on N Fifth street. As is well known by the readers of the Register young Evan Johnson was assaulted and stabbed Monday afternoon by three negro desperadoes. Druggist Chas Macquot, in attempting to assist young Johnson was pursued by the villains into the factory. While he was in the office of the concern sending a telephone message to the police several bricks were hurled through the windows and doors, demolishing about all of the glassware in front of the office.

It is understood that a number of negro employees have been discharged for drunkenness, and yesterday morning, when it was discovered that the key to the fire alarm box near the stemmy had been stolen, grave suspicions of a dark plot were aroused. The key, as was well known to every man employed about the factory, always hung at a certain place, where it had hung for several years without being disturbed.

The Notion.

Last August, during a season of camping, the ladies of the party for med themselves into a reading circle and passing the book from hand to hand, they became in this manner acquainted with several new stories. The four thus spent were so enjoyable that when thoughts of breaking camp intruded they thought with regret of losing those pleasant readings.

Said one lady, "Why not keep up these readings after we get home?"

Said another, "Yes we can meet from house to house and form a club."

The word "club" made all smile, but nevertheless all these words blossomed into deeds and soon after our return to Marion a club was organized, the main objects of which were improvement and enjoyment.

We were very loosely held together—no constitution, no bylaws, and but one genuine rule. No one should be invited to join, if those chosen to enter uninvited, and having done so, to remain and enjoy, that of itself proved their fitness and made them welcome.

This rule we have most of us adhered to, despite all temptations to the contrary. We began this work with much timidity and many misgivings. While warm weather lasted it required no self denial to meet say once a week from home to home, but as December drew on and cold and wet were to be encountered, our perseverance and determination were somewhat tested.

We had so many misgivings that we forbore to give our club a name.

As in the case of some puny battling, whose parents are waiting to see if it will live before bestowing a cognomen upon it, so we hesitated about naming our offspring. But time has assured us, for no matter how cold or rainy the day, there have always been enough in attendance to make the meeting a success. Some of our ladies have not lost one meeting.

Now, after more than five months of hearty life and vigorous growth, we have concluded to "name the child." And this is how we managed: The word "Marion" was taken by each member and with the letters composing that familiar name, we juggled for a few minutes, producing some amusing results.

Finally the combination of letters composing the name that heads this article, was selected, and our club rejoices in a name.

Now as to what we do at this self same club.

We meet at each other's homes in turn, on Friday afternoon of each week. By 2 o'clock we are ready for work. The names are called in alphabetical order by the leader, and each lady responds by giving some items of current interest—political, social, scientific, religious—in fact there is little that escapes the sharp eyes of our wide awake members.

After this exercise—which sometimes lasts quite a while, owing to the comments the various bits of news provoke—we read English history until 3 o'clock. Then a short recess follows, we draw a deep breath and prepare to enjoy ourselves in earnest.

Stories! Yes, if you please. Novels! Certainly, why not? Some of the best thought of the time is given utterance to in the modern novel, and our very finest writers choose this medium in which to reveal the riches of their natures to others; only the best living authors have, so far, been read. From hand to hand the book is passed and all read their quota. The reading is interspersed with comment as a matter of course. One accustomed to read only to them selves, with no ear to listen and no eye to respond, knows but little how much enjoyment can be derived from a bright author when several sympathetic women unite and partake of the good things together.

When our time for fiction has expired we give the remainder of the evening to poetry. We read some poem in turn, or one of us recites some favorite. We are to make the study of poetry more of a specialty, in the future.

The last Friday in each month is spent in the company of Wm Shakespeare. A play is chosen a month ahead, the parts assigned, and on that day, instead of opening with "current events" a quotation from the play is given by each member in turn.

As soon as we have lived one year we hope to join the State Federation of Clubs. By doing this we will gain advantages we can never enjoy outside of such an organization.

Member.

COMPLIED WITH THE LAW.

How a Missouri Man Avoided Working Out His Road Tax.

It is the rule that the residents of the various counties in this state shall either work out their road tax on the public roads or pay a stipulated sum. It is common for property owners to send teams and men to work under the direction of the county road overseer.

There is a rich and eccentric old fellow living in one of the western counties of Missouri. He is what is termed "a good manager." He has not worked a day in his life, and he insists that he never will.

The road overseer announced that he intended to make some notable improvements, and asked that all taxpayers cooperate with him.

A friend of the rich man passed along the road one day not long after this, and saw his eccentric neighbor standing by the roadside, and holding in his hands a wooden spade and pick.

The unusual spectacle surprised the traveler, who stopped for an explanation. The spade and pick were very diminutive, and indeed the owner had whittled them out of pine sticks.

"What are you doing?" inquired the friend.

"I am standing here," was the reply. "I am ready to work. If the road overseer don't come along soon I shall go in. I am ready to work out my road tax." This with an air of conscious virtue. "It's their own fault if they don't get my road tax. I have complied with what is required of me."—St. Louis Republic.

Out of the Ordinary.

Detroit Free Press: When Mary Jones married John Smith in Colorado she does not necessarily become Mrs. Mary Smith, nor Mrs. J. Smith, but simply Mrs. Mary Jones. If a man in that state wants to run his home with one individual name, he must have a special contract of marriage. The attorney general of the state has furnished an opinion that there is no law for women in that state dropping their maiden names on the simple excuse of a wedding. The man is nothing more than a party to the contract, and can not demonstrate his mental superiority by forcing his family name on the bride. This is the first time the subject has been officially discussed but the opinion is sweeping. The case calling for the decision emanated from a woman notary public, who was recently married. She asked under what name she should continue to exist officially and was troubled with the foregoing announcement, that she must sign all documents as before her marriage, for, as the Attorney General adds, "There is no authority whatever for a change of names at marriage, or any other time."

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I have policies to suit the rich and the poor. Come, let me explain them to you.

Conditions Which Will Govern the Price of the Weed.

Hopkinsville New Era.

The 1898 will in all probability be the largest ever produced in the State. The farmers are all tobacco men. They have gone wild over the high prices received for the 1897 crop, and have determined to put their available ground in tobacco.

The plant-beds are just now being put out. Between May 20 and June 15 the crop will be planted. From present indications, with a good season, the 1898 crop will be very large. This, of course, will have a natural tendency to depreciate prices.

Should this be the case, the prices at the close of this year will not be nearly as high as they are now. The foreign trade, which has not been doing anything so far on account of the extremely high prices, will then pick up. Dark tobaccos will have a more ready sale, as most of them are bought for foreign shipments.

Should the manufacturers become convinced of a good crop this season, the high prices for which the present crop is selling might be affected. Just now the speculators are completing with the manufacturers to raise the price of 1897 tobacco. A very high market is practically assured until the middle of May.

What the fall will bring forth is at present problematical. If there is a good season there will probably be a large crop and lower prices. A bad season will mean a short crop and a very high market.

Is your child punny, peeked and peevish? Does it fret and cry without seeming cause? Does it have convulsions? If so it has worms, and White's Cream Vermifuge will safely expel them and restore its health. 25c For sale by J. H. Orme, druggist.

The Thing

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For Spring

Learn a Trade.

An exchange very pertinent to mark:

"More young men are leaving a trade in the penitentiary than outside of them because we are trying to make clerks, doctors and lawyers out of the material intended for blacksmiths, carpenters and other trades for mechanics."

There is too much truth in the latter part of the statement. Boys are too eager to avoid the labors of life and are anxious to follow some high calling that does not soil the hands. Most boys should be taught that there is more dignity in manual labor than in loafing, and more honor in toil than dependence. The farm and the shop are often more profitable than the office and the counter. All the work, worry and profits are not always to the farmer and laborer.—Elizabethtown News.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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No. 7.—House and 14 acres of land adjoining Marion. Large building, splendid land.

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No. 9.—85 acres all in cultivation but five acres, good houses, stable and tobacco barn. Fine young orchard, one tenant house. Limestone soil, 4 miles west of Fredonia. Price \$1200.

No. 10.—382 acres, 3 miles from Fredonia, 275 in cultivation. Good wheat and tobacco land. Good residence, two tenant houses, good tobacco barns. Price \$3,750.

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